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Police hunt 'brutal' cyclist who broke leg of walker in front of his family...

HORROR ATTACK ON MAN IN WOODS

Report by **Henry James**

A DAD who was out walking with his family along a wooded footpath in the town, had his leg broken during a vicious attack by a man on a bike.

The assault took place between 7.45pm and 8pm last Wednesday (August 8) on a path that runs from Yewdale, over the River Tawd to Skelmersdale Library.

The victim, a 48-year-old man, was walking with his wife, son and two dogs towards Yewdale on the river path, when a male on a bike rode past and exchanged words with him. The cyclist then got off the bike and attacked the man, kicking and stamping on him. As well as breaking his leg, the victim suffered fractures to his ankle, fibula and knee.

The attacker then made off towards the library. Police say the victim's child was left 'completely traumatised' by the incident. The offender is described as a white male, aged 17 and around 5ft 10in. He was wearing an orange zip-up coat, shorts and rode a red and black bicycle.

Det Con Kelly Rosenthal, of Lancashire Police, said: "This was a brutal and sustained attack on a man in front of his family. The attacker showed a complete disregard for the victim, breaking his leg during the assault.

"We would urge anyone who recognises the offender or who knows anything about the attack to come forward.

Offender showed complete disregard for the victim, say officers

"If you can help, please contact us on 101 quoting log number 1435 of August 8."

This latest attack in the Skelmersdale area comes at a time concerns have been raised about the rise in violent crime over the summer months in the borough, in particular Skelmersdale

MP Rosie Cooper has said she has been in "regular contact" with police chiefs about the increase in violent crime. She has also asked for a meeting with the Home Secretary to discuss the issue.

In the last few months two people have been charged with murder in Skelmersdale, while there has been a stabbing in Birch Green, and in Carfield there was an attack involving either an axe or a machete according to witnesses. Earlier this year there was a stabbing in Ormskirk and a street pastor was assaulted in Ormskirk town centre.

MP Cooper has said: "Without the visible presence of police on the beat, those carrying out these acts and carrying weapons do not fear getting caught – this must change."

The area where the attack took place

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Sponsored 'sleep-out' to raise money for homeless charities

Report by **Kenny Parker**

'Sleeping partners'! Nardia Buck with Burscough Cricket Club chairman Kenny Hughes who offered the use of the club's grounds to stage her sponsored 'sleep-out' for the homeless.

BETTER late than never is certainly the case for nursing home manager Nardia Buck who is finally fulfilling a New Year's resolution to do her bit for the homeless with a novel fundraising idea.

The qualified nurse and midwife is teaming up with the chairman of a local cricket club to hold a sponsored 'sleep-out' on behalf of three charities for the homeless.

When Nardia from Hesketh Bank, approached chairman of Burscough CC, Kenny Hughes, he was only too happy to help out by offering to stage the event on the club's grounds in School Lane.

The event will see people camping out - with or without tents - at the cricket club on Saturday, August 25 from 7pm with music, family fun, and refreshments in the clubhouse, also lined up,

Campers will need to take their own tents and sleeping bags and are asked to raise money via sponsorship or by making a donation of a minimum of £5 per family tent.

Nardia said: "Like many other people, I am very aware of just how many people are homeless and I decided for my New Year's resolution to try and hold an event that would raise money to go directly to charities that help genuine homeless people."

And although it might seem odd to be fulfilling a New Year resolution in August, the 40-year-old mum-of-three explains that was always the plan. "We wanted to plan for it end of summer so that the charities get the money to make a difference before the bad weather kicks in at the end of the year.

"The aim isn't to imitate sleeping on the streets, instead I want a family friendly event where people can come together and enjoy themselves whilst sleeping under the stars - or in tents - or even just to join us for a few hours and have some fun.

"All of the money raised will go to charities which support the homeless and will be divided between the Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale, Southport Soup Kitchen and the Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool."

Individuals or small groups of campers wishing to take part can just turn up on the evening. Larger groups or anyone wishing to find out more can send a private message to Nardia through her Facebook page, Nardia Buck.

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Foodbank issues appeal for more food and clothes

Report by **Henry James**

VOLUNTEERS at Digmoor Community Foodbank in Skelmersdale have issued an urgent appeal for more food and clothes following a surge in demand.

Margaret Huyton from the centre, which is based at Evermoor Hub (formerly Digmoor Community Centre) on Birleywood wants residents and businesses to come forward with the items.

Margaret said: "We are issuing an appeal for food and we also need donations of school uniforms. We are looking for any donations of food. I think we have been busier because of the introduction of Universal Credit.

"We had a woman come to the centre, who was crying, as she had been struggling to eat for days. A mum also visited us because she couldn't help her kids. Another woman with five children came in asking for help. Many young mums can't cope.

"We are running out of stock. The centre raises money to buy stock, but we still don't have enough. Many of our cupboards are now empty. As soon as we make money and buy food it is gone.

"We had a big donation from Edge Hill University recently which helped."

Residents are being invited to drop off food and clothes at the trolley in Asda, or at the centre.

Margaret added: "High school uniforms can be expensive and we get families asking for them."

Research has shown the summer months see an increase in usage of foodbanks. New data published by anti-poverty charity The Trussell Trust shows an increase in demand for emergency food for children drove increased foodbank need during the summer holidays last year.

Evermoor Hub chair Margaret Huyton (left) and volunteer James Hughes along with Paul Black from Proctor & Gamble and Lynda Duffey from Skelmersdale Asda with some of the items they distributed last Christmas .

The sandwich with the bird's feather

Spitting feathers!

Hungary-born Laszlo ruffled by discovery in his egg sandwich

Report by **Henry James**

A SKELMERSDALE man felt quill when he bit into a sandwich and discovered a bird's feather in it.

Hungary-born Laszlo Pal, 35, bought the egg butty at a petrol station in Burscough.

But it was no yoke for Laszlo who claimed he suffered diarrhoea and nausea after biting into it.

Mr Pal told the Champion: "I found a bird feather in my sandwich, which I had to fish out of my mouth. Unfortunately, afterwards I went home from work because I did not feel good.

"After two days I could not go to work because I had diarrhoea. I took photos and threw the sandwich into the trash. I contacted the manufacturing company and sent them the photos.

"Regrettably, I received a reply that I did not like. The response was that they investigated the case and found no mistake on the production line. So they are saying this is not their fault."

"I tried to find a compromise with the manufacturing company, that is, some sort of solution to avoid disclosing this story but it seems that they do not care about my complaint."

A spokesman for Spar, who produced the sandwich, responded: "At Spar we take quality and safety of our food products very seriously. We have looked into this enquiry and been in contact directly with the customer.

"We would advise anyone who has a concern over anything they have purchased to return the item to the store for a full refund and to allow us to investigate further."

Developer submits applications to build 165 homes at Whalleys

A DEVELOPER has submitted a planning application to build 165 homes at Whalleys.

The plan, put forward by Kier Living, is part of a development for 630 units over the Whalleys site that has received outline planning approval.

Kier sought pre-application advice with West Lancashire Borough Council in March 2018 over the 165 units which include: private, affordable and specialist housing.

They were told that the number of units shown on the layout exceeded that of the outline application for this section of the site.

So they have submitted a 'reserved matters' scheme for the 129 units and in addition a standalone full application for a 36 unit layout.

Geoff Perry Associates write in the design and access statement for the application: "Whalleys, Skelmersdale is to be a high quality residential development, part of a strategic site which is to deliver a major urban extension to the north of Skelmersdale. The development will be in place of undeveloped land."

What the development will look like

The application for 36 homes includes: 25 private and 11 affordable dwellings, while the proposals for 129 homes includes: 90 private and 39 affordable dwellings.

Geoff Perry Associates add: "The development will be a positive regeneration of an area. It will also bring needed housing, built from quality materials and to a high specification, of varying accommodation sizes to necessitate future occupants."

The people behind the development hope to: provide secure surrounding residential properties; provide a range of well built houses of varying sizes for an array of couples/families; create a new development which reflects the scale and pattern of the existing residential neighbourhood; and provide local craftsmen, trades, business and manufacturers with jobs.

The scheme will provide a mixture of one, two, three, four, and five bed houses and will be a mix of terraced, semi-detached and detached dwellings, with garages, and front and back gardens. The scheme will have 30% affordable houses.

All homes will have electric vehicle charging points. Geoff Perry Associates commented: "The new development will include the provision of electric vehicle charging points for all units on the scheme. This will allow future residents a readily available infrastructure to switch to environmentally sustainable transport in the future.

"The electric car market is expanding rapidly with increased charging locations across the country every year. The charging point will be located on the dwelling in an inconspicuous and convenient location."

The applications are expected to be heard at the borough council's planning committee.

Cate and Daniel

Youngsters on the reading trail

THERE was a double celebration at Skelmersdale Library when two of their young readers successfully completed the Lancashire Reading Trail.

Daniel Wallace, aged 8, from Little Digmoor School and Cate Blanchard, aged 11, a former Cobbs Brow Pupil, were presented with their book choice and certificate this week.

Both children read 50 books, reviewed the books, rated titles and shared their recommendations with other LRT readers.

Daniel is a regular visitor and contributor to the Library and its Saturday Club and Cate is one of their Young 'Friends of Skelmersdale Library' Volunteers.

The Lancashire Reading Trail is a county-wide reading challenge that encourages children up to the age of 12 to read more.

For further details about the reading trail and how to get involved, visit your local library.

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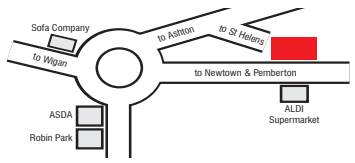

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More strikes set for Northern Rail

Report by **Henry James**

A NEW round of 24-hour strikes have been announced by Northern Rail workers as part of a lengthy dispute over the train guards role and rail safety.

Leaders at the RMT Union say more strikes will take place because of Northern's plans to introduce driver-only trains.

The action will pile yet more misery on rail passengers who had to put up with more cancellations by Northern last Sunday following on from the previous weekend's widespread disruption when staff 'made themselves unavailable for work'.

The guards dispute has been going on more than a year. The new strike days will be on Saturday, August 25; Saturday, September 1 and on Saturday, September 8.

RMT chiefs claim bosses at Northern are 'making a mockery of the talks process'. The union accused Northern bosses of, 'stringing its negotiators along rather than looking seriously for a settlement'.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: "RMT committed to talks in good faith with Northern but instead of making progress towards a settlement that matches the best practice in the rail industry as negotiated elsewhere the company have opted instead to play fast and loose making a mockery of the exercise.

"Our reps know when they are being strung along and it's that attitude from the company that has forced us to announce this next phase of action.

"RMT members on Arriva Rail North have been in dispute for well over a year now in a battle to put public safety before private profit and we are angry and frustrated that a genuine opportunity to reach an agreement has been kicked back by the company.

"German-owned Northern Rail want to run nearly half a million trains a year without a safety critical guard on board in a move that would wreck both safety and access to services and they should listen to their front-line staff and pull back from that plan immediately. "RMT recently secured an agreement on Greater Anglia that enshrine the guard guarantee. Similar agreements have also been reached in Wales and Scotland. Arriva Rail North need to do the right thing and come to an agreement that secures a guard on their trains too.

"We thank the public for their support and understanding throughout this dispute over rail safety and access and the union remains ready for genuine and serious talks."

Richard Allan, deputy MD, Northern, responded: "The RMT's announcement of yet more strike action is disappointing and frustrating. This will be a blow for our customers.

"It comes despite Northern proposing and entering into a joint working party with RMT on the future of the on-board role. We have agreed a terms of reference for those talks, agreed to discuss the RMT's preferred outcome first and then held four days of talks with RMT in recent weeks.

"A further day of talks has also been proposed for Friday, August 17."

...and yet more cancellations

FORthe second Sunday in a row there was disruption on Northern trains after 80 out a total of 1,500 services were cancelled.

Northern said the problem was due to 'ongoing engineering projects, which have caused severe difficulties around the short-notice scheduling of our train crews and this is the root cause of what has required us to make these planned cancellations to our main Sunday timetable.'

There were part cancellations on the Southport to Blackburn line which included services to Manchester.

RMT General Secretary Mick Cash described the situationb as 'chaos'.

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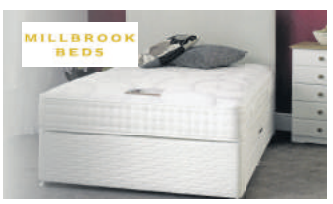

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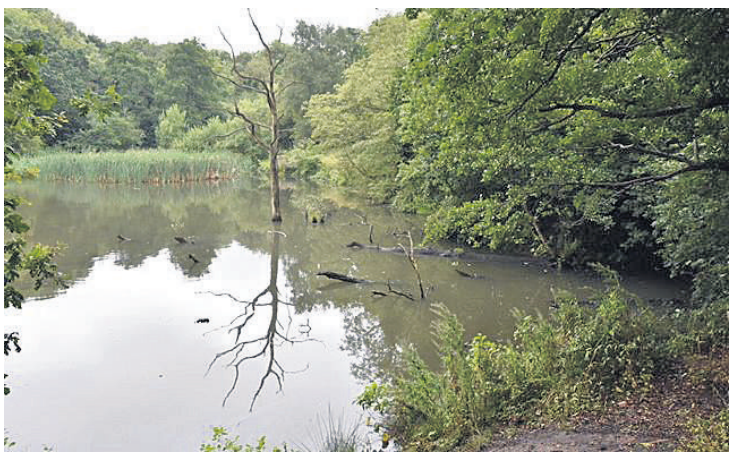

Left: Rubbish left behind at Tawd Valley Park near Half Mile Island and (right) the fishing area at Tawd Valley Park which the man said litter is constantly left by visitors

Have some pride in our park - and stop littering!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

...pleads regular visitor to Tawd Valley Park

A SKELMERSDALE man is calling on people to take more pride in Tawd Valley Park and not leave their litter behind.

The man, who does not wish to be named, but who fishes in the park near Half Mile Island, said it is one of the best places in the town to visit but litter louts are ruining it.

He said: "Every time I go there it's bad. There is rubbish every where – cans, cartons, sweet wrappers, crisp packets and tins of luncheon meat left over by those fishing. It's just ridiculous. Every time I go fishing I seem to have a tidy up for everybody.

"I just want to put this out there, that people need to pick their rubbish up. It just annoys me just how inconsiderate people are. They should take pride in their area and where they are from.

"We do not have much in Skelmersdale and that's one place where it's nice to go."

The man also says that the borough council should provide bins – especially for dog walkers to deposit their dog's waste – as he says he does not know of any in thepark.

However, he said that was no excuse for people not to pick up their rubbish. "It's a simple enough job," he said.

A spokesperson for West Lancs council said: "The council is currently developing an environmental improvement plan for the Tawd Valley Park which includes assessing the need for more litter bins.

"Additionally, the council's Ranger Service runs regular clean up days and a Friends of Tawd Valley group has also been created to help to manage the park.

"Collectively these measures should contribute towards improved environmental quality, however ultimately this will rely upon people not leaving rubbish behind. Improving the cleanliness of the environment is important for the council.

"The authority would like to remind people who use the park and go fishing at Half Mile Island that it is their responsibility to take their waste with them or dispose of it in the litter bins provided close by.

"There are litter bins close to the park that can be used for both litter and dog fouling in the following locations: Yewdale, near the amphitheatre; Inskip, by the play area; outside the Concourse Shopping Centre, by the swimming pool and library and near the bridge going from the Concourse to Yewdale; Manfield, by the side of Cobbs Brow School; and Summer Street, by the play area.

"The council's enforcement officers make regular patrols and can issue £75 fixed penalty notices to offenders who drop litter.

"Offenders could also face court action."

Views sought on lowering speeds at accident hotspot

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A CONSULTATION has been launched today (Wednesday, August 15) to reduce the speed on an accident hot spot that has claimed two lives in the past year.

MP Rosie Cooper has welcomed the consultation but says it is "long overdue" and that she has been campaigning for the speed reduction since before the fatalities occurred.

Lancashire County Council is proposing to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on County Road between the junctions of Burscough Road and Halsall Lane. It follows the deaths of two motorists and numerous reported crashes over the last six years.

In April a motorcyclist was killed on County Road near to the junction with Yew Tree Road, following a collision with a Honda Civic. That followed another fatal collision at the nearby junction with Green Lane in December.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper said she was pleased with the launch of the consultation. She said: "On such a short strip of road, there have been a high number of accidents and collisions and this cannot continue. Lives are being lost and serious injuries are being sustained. I am pleased that action is now being taken on the speed limits along County Road."

The consultation closes on September 12.

Vehicle fire on M6

THREE fire engines, including one from Skelmersdale, attended a vehicle fire on the M6 southbound just after Charnock Richard services at 12.31pm.

Firefighters used two hose reels to extinguish the fire, which involved an articulated lorry. No injuries were reported.

Skelmersdale Chess Club with their trophies

Chess Club do the treble

TEAMS at Skelmersdale Chess Club have had a successful year – winning three trophies.

They took the Merseyside division three and division four titles and the Kalamar Shield in the Warrington League.

The club is about 20 years old and they enter three teams in two leagues – one of which is the Merseyside Chess Association and the other the Warrington League.

Neil Folland from the club said: "We have had some success in both leagues over the years but this year was outstanding.

"The MCA has a five division structure with about 30 teams in the Leagues - the higher division contains players of county standard. We play about 12 games in each division per season, home and away. We managed to win both the third and fourth division in the MCA, and also win the Kalmar Shield –a K/O competition in the Warrington league."

The club meet in the Comrades Club, on Blaguegate Lane every Monday and residents are welcome for casual or serious chess.

Stabbing witnesses sought

POLICE are appealing for information following an assault in Skelmersdale.

A man in his 30s was stabbed in the shoulder on Carfield at around 2.15 pm on Friday, July 20. He was airlifted to hospital for treatment.

DC Andy Gill of Skelmersdale Police said: "This has happened in broad daylight and has caused serious injury to the victim.

"Our investigation is ongoing and we're urging anyone with any information at all to please speak to us immediately, if they haven't already."

A 43-year-old man from Skelmersdale has been arrested on suspicion of section 18 assault and has been released on bail. He has been bailed to August 17.

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The recipes also featured during a curry eating competition at the recent Burscough's Got Talent contest and the dishes are so hot that contestants had to sign a waiver releasing the restaurant from any liability before they tucked in!

The Carolina Reaper was declared to be world's hottest chilli in 2013 by Guinness Book of Records though there have been a few contenders for the title since.

Campaigners claim pollution report was 'delayed' until after fracking given go-ahead

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Members of fracking opposition group Moss Alliance on site at Altcar Moss with local Councillors

CAMPAIGNERS in West Lancashire have accused the government showing 'bias' in favour of energy companies by waiting until after giving the go-ahead for fracking in Lancashire before disclosing a report into pollution.

Cuadrilla was recently given the green light to commence drilling for shale gas at Little Plumpton in the Fylde.

But three days after making the announcement, the government published a three-year-old report calling for more data about pollution associated with the industry.

The report said that studies done in the USA showed significant impacts on air quality local to fracking sites and stated "impacts on local and regional air quality have the potential to be substantially higher than the national level impacts, as extraction activities are likely to be highly clustered."

The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said that the report was published as soon as "sign-off procedures had been completed" and that it reviewed data from the US which might not be applicable to UK and therefore needed "thorough consideration."

Ken Cronin, chief executive of industry group, UK Onshore Oil and Gas, said the report acknowledges that existing data is out of date and recommends monitoring and publicly reporting emissions at the fracking sites.

However, campaigners opposed to fracking say the late release of the report after giving permission for drilling to commence in Lancashire is another indication of the government's intent to force through its own agenda in favour of the industry.

They also drew attention to new research which shows that those who live near busy roads havel arger hearts than those in rural areas, even when pollution levels arebelow UK guidelines.

Though the study does not prove a causal link between pollution and enlarged hearts, and cannot say how many of those with enlarged hearts will go on to have heart disease, The British Heart Foundation, which co-funded the study, said the findings suggested the government and public health bodies needed to act more quickly to improve air quality.

The Moss Alliance, made up of local groups opposed to plans by Aurora Energy Resources to frack at Altcar Moss, and which counts Borough Councillor for Halsall Maureen Mills as a member, said: "The Moss Alliance is increasingly concerned that, with this imminent threat to our communities, evidence about the potential consequences of fracking is deliberately being buried to suit the government's agenda.

"We are not on a level playing field, everything possible is being skewed towards fracking which will decimate the rural landscape and agricultural heritage that we treasure at every turn and there is fresh confirmation of yet more potentially life threatening consequences.

"Residents should know that this is happening and have the opportunity to stand with us to defend our communities."

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New Lidl store and housing development to be built on former Atkinson Kirby site

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The present site at Atkinson Road which Lidl and Chorley Community Housing propose to build on. Inset: The proposed new Lidl store

PLANS have been submitted to West Lancs council for a retail and housing development on the outskirts of Ormskirk town centre.

German supermarket giant Lidl has submitted a joint application with Citypark Projects Ltd and Chorley Community Housing to build a discount supermarket, 51 affordable homes and a terrace of six business units on Atkinson Road, off Hattersley Way.

The site was formerly occupied by Atkinson Kirby, a timber flooring manufacturer, which moved out in 2015.

Lidl, which already has over 700 stores in the UK and whose parent company Shwarz Group is listed as one of the top ten retailers in the world, says a new store will create around 40 full and part time jobs.

The residential development comprises 20 one-bedroom apartments, 10 of which will be suitable for older persons;10 semi-detached three-bedroom houses; and 21 semi-detached and terraced two-bedroom houses. Owned and managed by Chorley Community Housing they will all be 'affordable' dwellings available for rent

The six business units will be available for non food retail, offices and trade counter businesses. They could potentially create a further 20 to 50 full time jobs, the planning application says.

Local jobs will also be created in the construction of the development.

After Atkinson Kirby moved out the buildings were demolished in 2016 following a period of theft, vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

A letter from West Lancs council to agent Plan A (North West) Limited says a decision on the planning application is expected by October 2

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International glory for Edge Hill sports student

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AN Edge Hill student who combines his studies with playing rugby league at semi-professional level, has achieved international success after being selected for the England Universities team.

Lewis Fairhurst, a second-year Sports and Coaching Development student, has been playing rugby since the age of five.

Progressing from school and college teams, he went on to represent Dewsbury Rams, Keighley Cougars and Hemel Stags, while continuing his studies and playing for Edge Hill.

As part of a 26-strong squad drawn from 15 UK universities, Lewis trained with England Universities before being picked for games against GB Teachers, UK Armed Forces, GB Police and New Zealand Universities.

Lewis Fairhurst in action for England Universities

Surreal

He was then a member of pared-down squad of 20 selected for the Student Rugby League Four Nations competition, where England did battle against Ireland, Scotland and Wales and picked up their third Four Nations crown after taking the title in both 2015 and 2016.

Lewis, who was awarded a coveted Edge Hill Silver Sport Scholarship in 2017, said: "I was over the moon to be selected for England Universities and proud to represent my country and Edge Hill.

"I especially enjoyed playing against New Zealand - to witness the Haka in person is a surreal moment. As the only representative of Edge Hill, I am proud of my achievements and grateful to the university for its sponsorship, which enabled me to travel and participate in the matches.

"My future aspirations are to play at elite level in the English Super League or in Australia. Ultimately, I hope my degree will help me secure a job involving coaching, whether that's in rugby league or another sport."

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Date announced for CCG's first *My View* citizens' panel event

Members of public invited to meet local health commissioners and their partner organisations

THE NHS WEST Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group is set to host its first My View citizens' panel event next month.

To be held at the Hesketh Bank Christian Centre in Moss Lane on Tuesday, September 25, it will be an opportunity for residents in the borough to meet CCG teams from across the organisation and learn about the projects and programmes that are being delivered.

It is scheduled to run from 11.30am (for registration and refreshments) until 2.30pm, although this could be subject to change.

Also present will be representatives from partner organisations, including Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, Well Skelmersdale and Virgin Care.

CCG chief officer Mike Maguire - "opportunity for residents to question key decision-makers."

Anyone living or working in West Lancashire can join the My View group. Members receive invitations to future events the CCG and its partners host in the local area; find out how and why decisions about the local health services are made; and have the opportunity to take part in focus groups and public consultations.

You can join the group at www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/myview.

At the citizen panel event, which is open to all residents, the CCG will also hold its annual general meeting and include presentations by chief officer, Mike Maguire and chief finance officer, Paul Kingan.

Mike Maguire, said: "The CCG is committed to delivering a programme of health and social care that will benefit all the residents of West Lancashire. The My View citizens' panel event is an opportunity for residents to meet the CCG, learn all about the exciting work that we are delivering and in the midst of delivering; meet partner organisations and also ask questions to the CCG's key decision-makers.

Unique

"Combining this unique style of event with our AGM is a fantastic opportunity to bring together CCG staff and residents, to hear about the work of the local NHS and for us to understand what people feel is working and areas where we need to focus attention."

Refreshments will be provided on the day and members of the public wishing to attend are encouraged to book in advance by contacting wlccg.myview@nhs.net or by calling 01695 588 203 advising of any special dietary, sensory and venue accessibility needs.

Members of the public can also pre-submit any questions that they may want to ask the CCG on the day by contacting them on the above email address and telephone number.

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Make sure you're registered to vote

Council issues annual reminder to borough residents to check they are on the electoral roll

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council has undertaken its annual voter registration canvass to ensure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

In July all households in the borough received a form asking residents to check that the information that appears on the register for those living at their address is correct. Those who have yet to respond will soon receive a reminder form.

The annual canvass gives the residents an opportunity to check if they're registered.

A spokesperson for the council said: "It's essential for a healthy democracy that everyone who is entitled to vote is able to, and for those who need to, registering is now easier than ever with the online system of registration.

Important

"Anyone who wants to vote must be registered so to make sure you are able to have your say at the borough elections next year, simply check the form when it arrives and return it as promptly as possible.

"If you're not currently registered, the council will send you information explaining how to do this or you can just go online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

"It's particularly important that anyone who has moved address recently looks out for the form and checks whether they are registered. If you have changed address in the last year, you may need to register at your new address, so please check the form and make any updates on it as soon as it arrives. Instructions how to respond are printed on the form.

"You must respond to the form even if all the information is correct.

"The council is legally obliged to send reminders and employ canvassers to visit non-responding properties, so please respond promptly.

"Being on the electoral register also impacts on your credit score as it provides valuable proof of your identity and address to lenders. If you are not registered it can cause delays when you apply for credit, and some organisations may turn you down if they feel they cannot confirm who you are or where you live."

Any residents who have any questions can contact the elections team at Elections Office, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, tel. 01695 585014 or by email at elections.office@westlancs.gov.uk.

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The new discharge unit at Southport Hospital following a £136K investment.

MP welcomes hospital's new discharge lounge

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has welcomed investment by Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust in a new discharge and transfer lounge for patients at Southport Hospital.

The investment of £136,000, comes on top of a £1.25m improvement to the hospital's Accident and Emergency department –an eight-bed Clinical Decision Unit which opened in the spring.

Work on a bigger, modernised waiting room and new ambulance drop-off area gets under way next month.

Hazel Irizar, Head of Patient Flow, said: "The discharge lounge has three beds and a side-room for less able or infectious patients. There is also a seating area for up to eight other patients.

"Patients move to the lounge on the day of their discharge if they are unable to go home directly – for example, where they're waiting for medicines to be dispensed. It also helps us get ward beds ready for newly-admitted patients."

As well as buildings and equipment, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust is also investing in clinical staff.

More than £300,000 will be used to expand the Critical Care Outreach Team to a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operation. The team helps with the treatment of patients whose condition begins to deteriorate unexpectedly.

The trust is also recruiting three further orthopaedic consultants, two more consultant radiologists and five additional senior doctors.

Silas Nicholls, Chief Executive, said: "When I joined the trust in April, I said I wanted the hospital where I live to be one we can be proud of. These very necessary investments are a down-payment on that pledge.

"I also want to thank and pay tribute to staff across the trust whose continued hard work and dedication underpins everything we do to benefit patients."

MP Rosie Cooper at Ormskirk Hospital

Rosie Cooper MP commented: "I very much welcome this further investment by the trust and the NHS in our local hospital facilities, and commend Silas for the speed at which progress is being made in improving and rebuilding Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust.

"I look forward to continuing to work closely with Silas, NHS England and the Department of Health & Social Care in securing the future of Ormskirk Hospital and pushing for much needed investment at the Ormskirk site also, to provide increased capacity and range of services for my West Lancashire constituents."

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Edward McCarthy, activities coordinator said: "The group had a great day and the weather was sunny. I would like to thank the sponsors who made the day possible. The group really enjoyed the day."

For more information about the group, visit www.sporting-challenge.org.uk, or call 07971 299606

Residents asked for their views on revised policy for licensing gambling premises

Report by **Kenny Parker**

GAMBLING establishments and people living in West Lancashire are being asked for their views on the council's revised policy for licensing gambling premises across the borough.

West Lancashire Borough Council is responsible for issuing licences for premises such as bingo halls and betting offices, as well as permits for gaming machines in pubs, clubs and other alcohol licensed premises.

Under the Gambling Act 2005, the council is required to publish a 'statement of policy' to set out how it would enforce this responsibility.

The document must be renewed every three years. The council is now in the process of refreshing the policy and wants comments from the public and interested stakeholders.

People are being asked for their views on the council's revised policy for licensing gambling premises across the borough

The draft Policy proposes several important changes aimed to address potential safeguarding concerns, including a requirement for licensed premises to carry out local risk assessments to ensure the business takes account of its impact on the community. People have until November 4 to give their views, which will be taken into account by the council before the policy is published early next year.

Councillor Kevin Wright, cabinet member for health and community safety, said: "Our policy has three objectives: to prevent crime or disorder, ensure that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way, and protect children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

"We want to give residents and businesses the opportunity to comment on the draft to ensure our policy still fully reflects the needs and views of the borough."

To read the document, visit the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/gambling act and click on the link entitled 'Statement of policy'.

People can email their comments to licensing.enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk, or post their comments in to West Lancashire Borough Council, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE.

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Brighter Future closure could have been prevented with more support

BRIGHTER Future Workshop closure could probably have been prevented if afforded more time to access new funding streams and given specialist support.

Additionally, urgent and proactive input by West Lancashire politicians and NHS co-operation to prevent closure could have been engaged to secure the future of this special charity.

I only got to know the charity a month ago but it is an amazing enterprise that with the right resources could have developed nationally to make a positive difference in the lives of many more people in need.

Based in West Lancashire the charity it seems were charged commercial market rent for their industrial workshop premises.

Its services and products could have been supported and promoted within the public sector, e.g. by care homes and in the NHS, to encourage recycling/prevent scrapping of good mobility equipment at the taxpayers' cost.

The local MP and local councillors, if proactively engaged, could perhaps have supported the charitable aims with initiatives and signposting to business/charity support experts in sales, marketing, social media, grant search and income generation. Also reduction or suspension of rent until finances stabilised.

Local politicians could have visited the charity at least when they heard on local media, as I did, of the challenges facing the charity and the disabled people relying on its future. Some weeks ago after visiting the charity and researching its needs I phoned a local councillor to seek advice. The councillor did not return my call.

In 13 years the charity has trained more than 350 young disabled people giving them hope, friendship, confidence and skills. 35,000 items of mobility equipment such as mobility scooters destined for the scrapheap were saved, skillfully refurbished and offered at affordable prices to disabled people who could not afford brand new equipment.

It is unbelievable that resources were not offered to assist this wonderful Queen's Award-winning charity assisting so many disabled people across this region.

Wonderful team now to be broken up, disabled staff losing occupations and the disabled public losing a fantastic service originated by Peter Cousins MBE.

Bill Givens, by email.

Surely £50,000 was a small price to pay to save a worthy charity?

I READ in the Champion (July 25) that the Brighter Future Workshops for young disabled people is to close for the need of £50,000 funding.

In the same edition I also read that West Lancs Council has pledged £19 MILLION towards Skelmersdale Town Centre scheme.

If so much money is available, surely £50,000 could be made available to Brighter Future Workshops who have over many years trained more than 350 disabled young people so that they may help other disabled people to enjoy an improved standard of living?

And please don't someone say the £19 million comes from different funds.

John Cooke, Up Holland.

Our footpaths are impassable!

WE live in Halsall and despite people generally being encouraged to walk whenever possible, West Lancashire Council are not maintaining the footpaths all over the borough.

They are becoming impossible to use safely for walking as some are lost under the amount of weeds growing in them!

Some property owners also are not cutting their hedges so they are overhanging parts of footpaths too and that is also restricting safe walking.

Please can footpaths be maintained appropriately and weeds controlled so that they can be used safely.

Concerned resident, by email

PICTURE of the week

NET GAMES: Burscough Village Primary School hosted a special day during their summer break for local children to go along, join in and celebrate National Day for Play. Picture of Martyn Snape.

Why is our plastic recycling so poor

GIVEN the global crisis around plastic pollution, why is plastic recycling in West Lancashire so poor compared to other areas?

All we can put in the blue bin is PET/HDPE 1 and 2 plastics, which isn't very much. This means all other plastics, such as yoghurt pots, food trays, butter tubs, medicine bottles and so on, all get dumped somewhere until the end of time, and not re-used in any way.

I went to the tip in Skelmersdale with lots of plastic, including hard plastics like broken toys, flower pots, buckets etc. There is no skip for plastic, nor is there one at Burscough tip. I was told to put it in non-recyclable waste, so I filled the car back up and went home.

But if I go to Wigan, Chorley or Southport tips, they all accept plastic, and those areas also collect much more plastic and recyclable waste from households.

Does anyone know why is it just this area that's missing out? I've written to the council and our MP, and neither have replied.

I'd simply like to know what steps are in place to rectify this problem and make it easier for residents to help limit plastic pollution?

D. G., West Lancs.

Fracking go-ahead a sensible decision

FINALLY, someone saw sense and approved fracking in Lancashire!

On a day when householders are told of another gas price rise, it is fortunate that we can look forward to using the gas resources that lie under our own country at last.

Doug Elliot, Burscough.

Carney's remarks just beggar belief

Bank of England chief Mark Carney's recent remarks beggar belief.

Europe must see us as a weak and divided nation with little negotiating power.

Whatever your point of view, we voted to leave the EU, therefore people of influence need to stop scaremongering, and MPs of all parties need to stop the pettiness of trying to score political points off one another.

It's time to pull together, be strong, and put on a united front to get what this country voted for.

I. Halliwell, by emailt

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

Correspondents preferring not to have their name and/or their address published may provide a suitable nom de plume.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Town councillors would be volunteers working for the benefit of the local community and not their allowances!

WITH regard to the letter headed 'Regeneration and investment is what's needed not a town council' (Champion, August 8) by Councillor Neil Furey, he has made some assumptions that I am afraid must be corrected.

He says 'a Skelmersdale Town Council would just create a needless third tier of Local Government and would only be a talking shop.'

I would just like to point out there are 20 'third tiers of Local Government' in West Lancashire and over 10,000 nationally - all of them doing good work and wouldn't have been created if there wasn't a need.

Cllr. Furey refers to the number of councillors a town council would create. His suggestion of 40 would mean there would be one councillor for less than 1,000 residents - very unlikely.

However, it wouldn't matter if there were 140, because the town councillors would all be volunteers - volunteering their time for the benefit of Skelmersdale and not having the allowances that the borough councillors enjoy at a cost to the West Lancs council taxpayer of £340,000-plus.

Cllr. Furey if you're reading this, your references to the financial costs of a Skelmersdale Town Council are spurious but I would like to flip that and ask if you know the cost in community value of continuing without a Skelmersdale Town Counci?

You are entitled to your opinion, however the petition will not create a town council, it is only a mechanism for forcing a review. Like all the other 54 borough councillors you will have the opportunity to express your opinion in the council chamber where the decision will be made.

If the decision is taken not to create a Skelmersdale Town Council we'll give WLBC another chance, two years after that, and two years after that, until they get the answer right.

As May 2020 draws closer you may well have a change of mind.

A.B., Skelmersdale, details supplied.

County council seeks to allay pollution concerns over traffic lights plan

Borough councillor raises fears of queuing vehicles 'pouring out fumes' on route used by children walking to school

LANCASHIRE County Council has sought to dispel fears that proposed new traffic lights on the A49 in Burscough will increase the level of pollution for pedestrians on a route used by local schoolchildren by saying that a planned 'spine road' will alleviate traffic.

West Lancs borough councillor for Burscough West Cynthia Dereli raised concerns that a new traffic light system on Liverpool Road South at the junction with Square Lane, would lead to waiting cars pouring out fumes in an area where children walk to school.

However the county council says that as well as planning for increased traffic due to new housing developments in the area, it is also making other changes to help better manage traffic flow.

During discussions on a Government consultation on pollution Cllr. Dereli had called for the borough council to write to Lancashire County Council to ask what measures they propose to monitor and tackle kerbside pollution in particular.

She said: "At present, because pollution levels on Liverpool Road South were not the highest in the borough at the time when the council ran tests some years ago, that area is not now labelled as a traffic pollution hot-spot and has rather fallen off the radar. However, increases in local traffic have meant that today on the southern stretch of the A59 in Burscough it is absolutely at capacity.

The junction at Liverpool Road South and Square Lane, Burscough where a new traffic lights system is planned.

"But to accommodate even more traffic ironically the county council proposes to put in traffic lights at Square Lane which will create a long queue of waiting cars pouring out pollution through a stretch of narrow roadway along which children have to walk to school.."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council responded: "The proposal to add traffic signals at the junction of Liverpool Road and Square Lane is one of a number of changes to existing roads in the area that best accommodate the extra traffic generated by development including that from West Lancashire Borough Council's strategic housing site located nearby.

"An important change includes a new internal spine road for the new strategic housing site which connects into the existing network south of Higgins Lane and onto Tollgate Road south of Burscough, which will influence traffic levels on other parts of the network such as the Liverpool Road/Square Lane junction, by providing an alternative route for some journeys.

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Cheers! Village pub's beer garden is blooming lovely

A WEST Lancs village pub has been recognised as having one of the best beer gardens in the country in a competition run by national chain, Vintage Inns.

The Sandpiper in Bickerstaffe was crowned as the regional winner of The Marvellous Vintage Inns Garden Competition for the North West.

Launched in April, the contest aimed to find the very best spots in which the British public could enjoy their favourite drink in the summer sun.

Judges unanimously opted for The Sandpiper thanks to its perfectly-manicured displays, ample seating space and beautifully-kept lawns. They secured a Fever Tree garden kit in honour of their achievement.

A converted farmhouse, The Sandpiper offers a welcoming area for those looking to enjoy a quiet drink at the end of a busy day exploring the countryside.

Landlord, Dominic Dunning, said: "We are proud of the garden here at The Sandpiper and take pride in maintaining it to ensure it is welcoming and enjoyable for all our guests. We like to think it is the perfect place for people to stop for a refreshing drink after a hard day's work or a long walk in the countryside."

Graham Bird, national operations director at commercial landscaping company, Ground Control and a member of the judging panel, said: "The Sandpiper is an outstanding example of what we consider to be the ideal beer garden. It is a welcoming space which is full of pristine greenery and seating - offering an outdoor area that delights both locals and visitors alike."

Landlord Dominic Dunning and some of the team at The Sandpiper.

So now it's OK to insult some people but not others?

SO poor old Boris Johnson has got himself into very hot water over his 'letter box' remarks about the headgear worn by some women of the Islamic faith. How could the man have been so stupid?

I would not have dared, in public at least, to have drawn such a comparison - but then, I am probably not as courageous as Boris either. And I feel definitely ashamed to have written that too.

Because frankly I think this whole business of never saying or writing anything which the left-wing intelligentsia now claim to be 'unacceptable' and without doubt something 'phobic' or other, is not only highly dangerous, but also boring - and wrong.

The eye-slit in a burka DOES look like a letter box, and while I appreciate that this comparison might displease the wearer (though I bet many couldn't give a fig) it is hardly really insulting and is, in the context in which it was said, quite understandable.

These days we are increasingly aware of the need for vigilance and security, so surely the wearing of any garment which conceals not only the face, but quite possibly the sex of the person wearing it, must be of some concern?

Now we have MPs of all parties, including shamefully his own, demanding that the whip be taken from him and he should be expelled from the Conservative Party. Boris is refusing to apologise or back down, so while I confess I do have my concerns about the man, I must admit his stock has risen considerably with me. Oddly enough, I haven't yet heard the calls for the resignation of Jeremy Corbyn, despite the troubles he is facing over his attitude towards those of the Jewish faith.

It is particularly worrying that most of those who attack Boris and others who are 'found guilty' of uttering unfortunate - even if true - facts which don't happen to fit into the ever-expanding lexicon of the politically incorrect, are the very same who bang on about free speech as well. Free speech as long as it doesn't involve news media telling the truth, or anybody expressing a deeply held conviction.

Why is it that if anyone even criticises a person of Muslim faith for something said or done, they are labelled 'Islamophobic', while one whose religious beliefs prohibit, for instance, gay marriage can very easily find themselves in court if they voice that opinion?

In any case, is there not something fundamentally wrong with a society that says, more or less, that it is always wrong to insult some folk but not others? No doubt, had we operated like that back in say, 1938, Winston Churchill would have been censured for his remarks about Herr Hitler!

I am in no way advocating a society which lambastes everybody and anybody, but an occasional unkindness, or even deliberate insult, is sometimes necessary as a safety valve.

Some years ago I was visiting a large secondary school when some teenagers looking through a first-floor window at me passing beneath greeted me with cries of 'baldy' which didn't exactly make my day. Oddly enough though when I was admitted to the head teacher's office I did not make a formal complaint and demand an apology for my hurt feelings.

Actually, at the time, I only suspected I might be losing some of my locks. Only on my next visit to the barber's when he held a mirror so I could inspect his work from the rear, was the awful truth revealed. And I didn't have to resort to a shrink to get over the insulting remarks.

Of course the present atmosphere of never upsetting anybody (except those deemed as beyond the politically correct pale) means that the vast majority of jokes which I have heard over many, many years are now most certainly NO-NOs.

Which probably explains why I find the current crop of stand-up comedians not funny at all, just boring and a trifle infantile.

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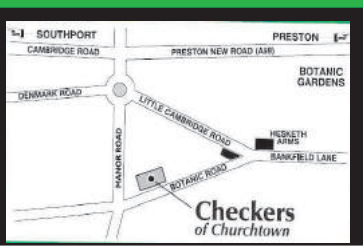

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Cumfybus firm secure deal with council to run Park and Ride scheme

By Danielle Thompson

Cllr John Fairclough, Sefton Council's Cabinet Member for Locality Services, and Cumfybus managing director, Marshall Vickers, with one of the eco friendly buses

CUMFYBUS is to takeover the running of Southport's Park and Ride scheme.

The bus company will run passenger vehicles specially equipped with hybrid technology to reduce emissions, say Sefon Council, and will compliment the council's 'action plan' to help minimise the air pollution across the borough.

Running from the Esplanade, through the town centre and to the Southport Eco Centre, at £2 per car, the regular 10 minute loop service is popular with tourists, shoppers and commuters alike.

The service runs from 7.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 6:30pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Cllr John Fairclough, Sefton Council's cabinet member for locality services, said: "This is a fantastic partnership with a local Southport company who have hit the ground running and are already offering a great service.

"The eco-friendly busses are actively combating air pollution and helping keep our borough clean, green and beautiful. We are delighted to be working with Cumfybus and we are confident that people who use the facility will be really impressed with its value for money and how quick and efficient the service is.

"We would also like to place on record our thanks to Arriva who previously ran our Park and Ride service for many years".

Cumfybus managing director, Marshall Vickers, added: "As a Southport company it gives me great pleasure to be operating the Park and Ride service in the town and we are delighted to be working in partnership with Sefton Council. To be able to use two of our fleet of Eco-friendly hybrid buses is the icing on the cake."

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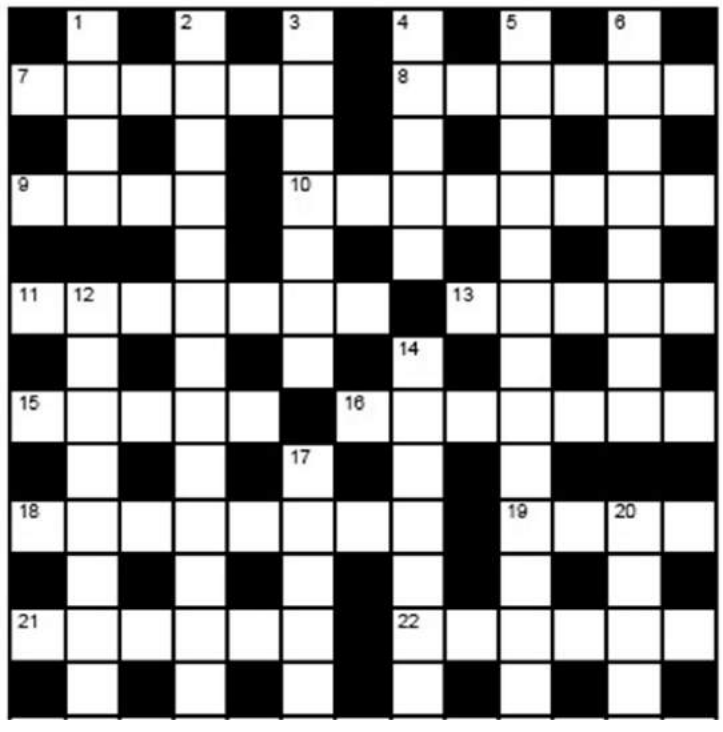

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Across: 7. Barcode reader. 8. Teamwork. 9. Mire. 10. Stand-in. 12. Inter. 14. Cairn. 16. Sarcasm. 19. Toil. 20. Resource. 22. Peace dividend.

Down: 1. Fare. 2. Acumen. 3. Idiotic. 4. Brake. 5. Layman. 6. Fearless. 11. Tea towel. 13. Massive. 15. Relics. 17. Cruddy. 18. Prude. 21. Cent.

ACROSS

7. It's mixed with water to form mortar or with sand, gravel, and water to make concrete (6)
8. Calm, dependable, and showing little emotion or animation (6)
9. British nobleman ranking above a viscount and below a marquess (4)
10. Archaic adjective meaning ineffectual or useless referring to a task or undertaking (8)
11. Minimally invasive surgery carried out through a very small incision (7)
13. Abnormally high body temperature, usually accompanied by shivering (5)
15. Informal term, originally taken from German, meaning broken or useless (5)
16. List of a company's employees and its wage bill (7)
18. Hot or alcoholic drink taken before bedtime (8)
19. Collective term for a large group of animals (4)
21. In the place where you live (2, 4)
22. Strip of hard ground along which aircraft take off and land (6)

DOWN

1. Second letter of the Greek alphabet (4)
2. Having a good reputation, admired by others (4, 7, 2)
3. Short, stiff hairs growing on a man's face when he has not shaved for a while (7)
4. Royal racecourse (5)
5. Deep and anxious consideration of one's emotions or motives (4, 9)
6. Spell a word wrongly (8)
12. Abnormally thin or weak, especially through illness or lack of food (8)
14. In European folklore a corpse said to drink the blood of the living by biting their necks (7)
17. Mass of small loose stones that form or cover a slope on a mountain (5)
20. Wander (4)

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James Harper, allied health professional lead at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

NHS Trust hopes for mental health award

STAFF at the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust have been shortlisted for two national mental health service awards.

The Positive Practice in Mental Health Awards celebrate the hard work that is taking place in mental health service across the country.

The trust's Rapid Intervention and Treatment Team (RITT) have been shortlisted in the Older Adult Functional Mental Health Services category for their commitment to providing a robust older adult mental health community service which focuses on keeping people well at home and avoiding preventable hospital admission.

James Harper, allied health professional lead at the trust, said: "I am delighted that the Rapid Intervention and Treatment Teams have been recognised nationally."

The trust's Eating Disorder Service has also been shortlisted for the Community Mental Health Services for Eating Disorder category, for innovatively embedding a GP into the service, which has resulted in better outcomes for service users.

As local GPs were struggling to meet the demands of physical health monitoring for service users and also lacked the specialist knowledge, the service decided that it would be beneficial to have their own GP to enable them to successfully manage both the physical health and psychological health of service users with eating disorders.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony at Liverpool Football Club in October.

Mere Brooke Day Centre to host charity summer fair

STAFF at a centre which supports people living with dementia are inviting members of the public to join in an afternoon of summer fundraising.

Running from 2-3.30pm on Friday (August 17) the Summer Fair at the Mere Brook Day Centre in Ormskirk aims to raise money to fund activities for people who use the service based at the Brookside Retirement Village in Aughton Street.

A garden party with afternoon tea and coffee, a cake sale and a raffle are some of the activities people can enjoy on the day. Admission is free with tea, cakes and coffee costing £1.

Sunflowers grown at the centre's garden by people who use the service will cost £1.50 each.

Local group The Clarks will provide a steel band and sing-along piano music on the day.

Mere Brook, which is run by Lancashire County Council, offers a range of services to support people with dementia. Up to 15 people can use the service each day.

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West Lancashire Borough Council is inviting local clubs, individuals and schools to put forward their nominations.

Nominees must come from or represent the west Lancashire area.

Successful nominees will be invited to represent the Borough at the Lancashire Sports Awards, where the overall regional winners will be crowned. Closing date for nominations is Friday, August 24. To see the different categories and for more information visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/sportsawards.

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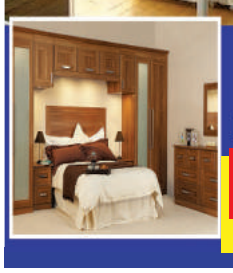

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Plans to cut number of winter road gritting gets icy response

Street temperature for 'intervention' will be reduced in desperate bid to save council cash

Report by **Henry James**

Cllr Erica Lewis, Labour group's shadow cabinet member for highways and transport, who is against the plan

LANCASHIRE County Council's Labour group has criticised the Tory administration for lowering the road surface temperature intervention level for gritting from one degrees Celsius to half a degree Celsius.

The county council are hoping to save £110,000 per annum by reducing the number of network gritting treatments during the winter period to primary and secondary routes.

It is hoped the move will reduce the number of gritting treatments by 894 across Lancashire.

This figure is based on the intervention levels of plus one degrees Celsius over the past two winters.

However the Labour group believe inaccurate forecasting could result in a lack of action by the council.

They believe if the intervention level was lowered to plus half a degree Celsius, then routes that would have been gritted, will not be gritted with a possibility that hazards may form on that segment of the route.

They believe that this will increase the risk to the travelling public on this untreated segment of the network.

Cllr Erica Lewis, Labour group's shadow cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "After what has been described as one of the worst winter on record, the Conservative administration's response is to cut winter gritting.

"The people of Lancashire have already had to put up with the worst pothole repair responses, cuts to white lines, road signs and street lighting. All of which adds to pedestrians and road users risk.

" The gritting service is also vital, for hospitals, schools, support getting to vulnerable people at home and Lancashire people getting to work.

"All this risk so the Conservatives can cut £110k off their budget, this is a disaster waiting to happen.

"People in Lancashire are being asked to pay a heavy price in more than money to prop up this chaotic Conservative council who underspent on the highways budget by £5 million last year."

County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport, has said: "I will ask cabinet to carefully consider this proposal as officers' advice is that we could reduce this from 1.0C to 0.5C without compromising safety, while making significant savings in cost."

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Toxic 'black henna' tattoos warning

HEALTH chiefs in Lancashire are warning about the dangers of toxic temporary 'black henna' tattoos.

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, director of public health for Lancashire County Council, said: "Although we haven't received any reports of black henna temporary tattoos being offered in Lancashire to date, people may see them being sold at shops and stalls when they're abroad. There's also a chance they may find black henna products online.

"We would always advise people not to get a black henna tattoo. Black henna is different to traditional henna, which is brown in colour and is a completely natural product.

"A chemical called Paraphenylenediamine (PPD) is used to create black henna and it is so powerful and toxic that it's illegal to use on your skin in this way.

"It can lead to blisters, scars, potentially life-threatening allergic reactions and increase the likelihood of you becoming allergic to other dyes in the future, which is why you should never let anyone paint it on your skin."

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Sanctuary's special rewards for caring young volunteers

by Danielle Thompson

Ella Thompson with all the cat food she collected for Woodlands.

CARING young volunteers at an animal sanctuary have been presented with special treats for all their hard work helping the centre.

Woodlands Animal Sanctuary is an independent registered charity who rely solely upon funds raised by themselves and members of the public.

A special event to acknowledge the achievement of the many young fundraisers was held at the Holmeswood site with each youngster being given a sponsorship pack for a year as a thank-you.

The packs were presented to the youngsters at the centre's last open day to the applause of visitors and proud tears of their parents.

Desperate

Sally McDerby from the sanctuary said: "This summer has seen the next generation of fundraisers really step up to the mark, raising hundreds of pounds for the charity.

"Among them were Alfie Kay, Laurie Kay, Phoebe Ewins and Amy Wright who baked and then held a cake sale raising a grand total of £100, which was donated to Woodlands.

"Ella Thompson who is nine years old and a cub at the 1st Ormskirk Cub Scouts, has, as part of her personal challenge badge, contacted local shops, businesses and friends and family to see if they would be willing to donate cat food that Woodlands has been in desperate need of recently to feed the many weak and poorly mums and kittens they are caring for."

Stores from around the area all supported Ella and donated items meaning she was able to present to Woodlands a huge amount of quality cat food, all of which will go towards the nursing of needy cats and kittens.

Sally added: "Ella chose to help the sanctuary because she loves animals, has seen the wonderful work that the charity does and wanted to support us.

"Alfie, Laurie, Phoebe and Amy also love animals and wanted to help Woodlands improve animals' lives."

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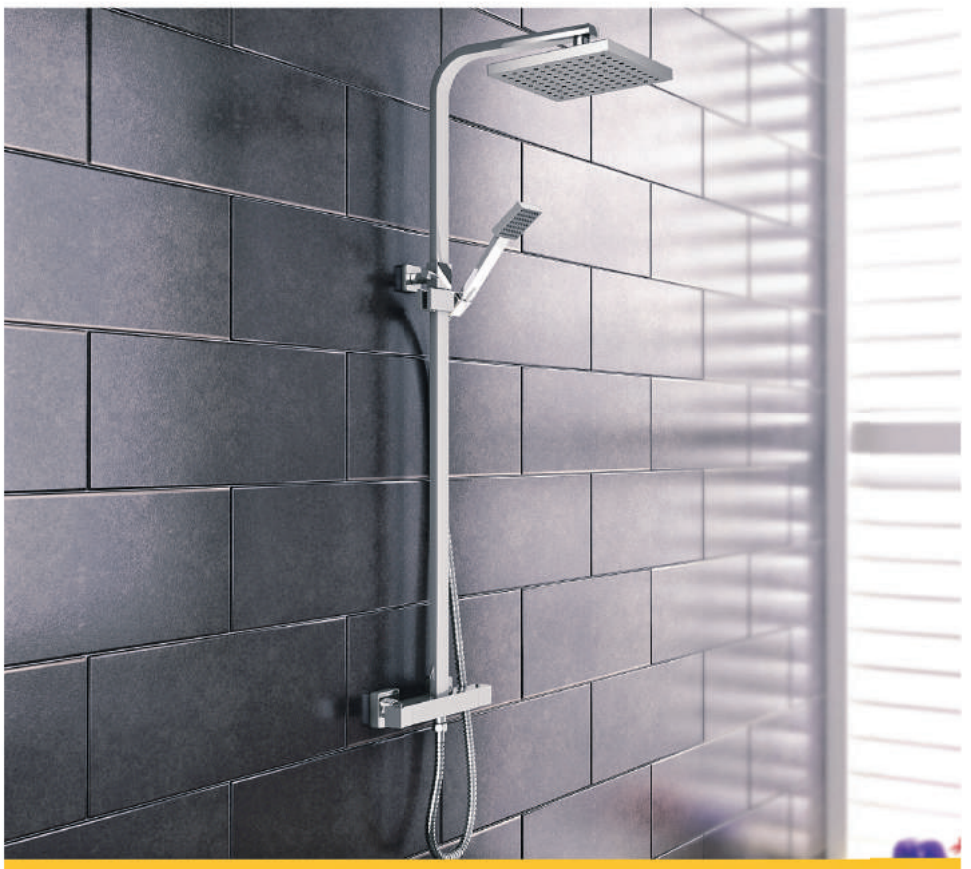

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Libraries to host free activities for families

Report by **Henry James**

Ormskirk Library

LIBRARIES in West Lancashire are offering a wide variety of free activities over the summer that are suitable for families and adults alike.

Visitors to Skelmersdale Library can enjoy a fortnightly Reading Cafe when book lovers can drop in for a friendly chat about their favourite books and authors.

A weekly Crafts and Chat session is also held at Skelmersdale Library.

Craft lovers can pop along with their own unfinished craft items to complete them while sharing ideas and having a chat with others.

A regular Family and Local History advice group is held at Ormskirk Library.

Anyone needing advice with either family or local history can visit the library where members of the local Ormskirk and District Family History Society will help.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "We've got so many fun things to do during the holidays and beyond. There's much for families and adults to do, have fun or to learn something new."

Miles of Smiles is also held at Ormskirk Library for children up to the age of five years old. This is a stay and play session, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Ormskirk Library hosts a Creative Writing group on every third Wednesday of the month. Budding writers can join members of the Ormskirk Writers' Literary Society, to develop their writing skills.

Burscough Library holds a Knit and Natter group every Friday. People's level of skill doesn't matter, anyone interested can just come along to share tips and continue with their knitting.

Lovers of board games could enjoy the weekly Saturday morning session at Burscough Library.

Residents are invited to bring the family along and enjoy the board games available, or bring their own for others to enjoy as well.

The libraries also hold regular Toddler Rhyme Time and Storytime sessions.

There are lots of Reading Groups which also meet regularly in the libraries. The council has said "these groups are a great way to share a love of reading, and inspire others to read something different".

Taking part in many of the activities will be free, to make them as easy and accessible as possible.

Some could have a small charge to cover the costs of the materials to be used.

There's no need to book many of the activities, you can just visit the library to join in.

Booking a place will be essential for some of the activities, as ticket numbers are limited.

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Public to help shape council policy

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs council is giving the public an opportunity to influence decisions on policy and make suggestions towards delivering improvements to council services.

The council's Corporate and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee is inviting suggestions for topics for consideration for inclusion in their work programme for 2018/19. Appropriate recommendations will be forwarded for consideration to cabinet and council.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy, chair of the committee, said: "Residents have a fundamental role in scrutiny and are welcome at meetings. The council encourages residents to engage with the process so they can influence policies, make recommendations on improving services and gain a better understanding of how the council makes decisions.

"The committee has done some detailed investigations and a highlight for me has been our review - A Market Town Strategy for Ormskirk. In line with a review recommendation the borough council is currently working closely with Lancashire County Council – the highways authority for the borough – to provide gates to restrict vehicle access to the town centre between 10am and 4pm in line with the current traffic regulation order restricting such access."

Councillor Nikki Hennessy, chair of the borough council's Corporate and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Topics can cover any area of the borough council's work and in some cases the work of partner organisations that might have significance for the local community in West Lancashire. Reviews in previous years have covered a wide range of topics including; cycling in West Lancashire; healthy schools; alcohol and associated problems; speeding traffic; climate change; affordable housing; neighbourhood management; older peoples' services and more recently West Lancashire Tourism – The Visitor Economy, to name but a few.

If you have a suggestion that you think might be suitable then email your ideas to member.services@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 585016. The deadline for topic suggestions for the work programme is Monday September 3.

Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings take place at the council offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

Residents who want to speak on an agenda item must submit their request by 10am the Friday before the relevant meeting. Agendas are published on www.westlancs.gov.uk/coins a week before the committee meets.

Full details of the arrangements are provided in the Council's Public Speaking Protocol which can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/speak.

NHS recruitment team up for award

LANCASHIRE NHS Foundation Trust's recruitment team have been shortlisted for a prestigious award.

The Nursing Times Workforce Awards recognise and reward the excellent work being done by employers to support their workforce.

The Trust's recruitment team have been shortlisted for the Best Recruitment Experience category.

Farzana Kauser, recruitment manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The team work extremely hard to support staff throughout their recruitment journey and make the experience the best that it can possibly be."

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on October 4 at the Grange Tower Bridge Hotel in London.

Roy and Steve at a Bootroom Academies event

Reds legends want to recruit for football training scheme

A FOOTBALL training scheme headed up by two well-known names from Liverpool FC is holding an Enrolment Day on Thursday, August 23 at Ormskirk School.

Roy Evans and Steve McMahon are involved with Bootroom Academies.

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Bootroom Academies run skills academies at various venues around the area and they are holding a Coaching Summer Holiday camp at Edge Hill University this month.

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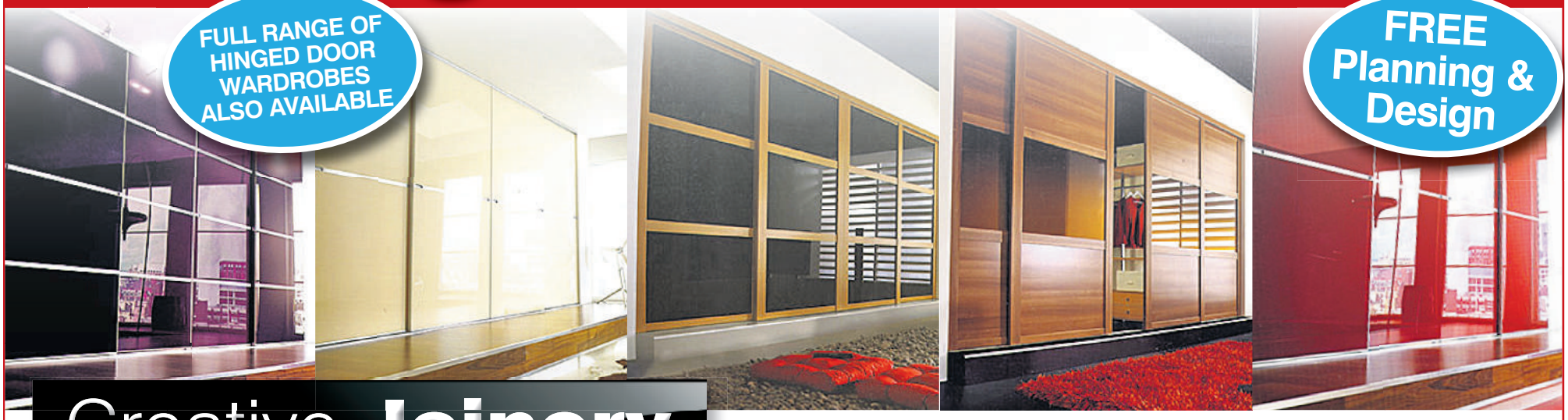

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A 60's spectacular promised when popular show returns to theatre

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The Sensational 60's Experience brings audiences a three hour 60's spectacular of pure nostalgia, and this is a new production for 2018.

The show with the definite feel good factor will transport people back to that magical decade that was the 1960's.

The night stars: Mike Pender (original voice of The Searchers) Chris Farlowe, Herman's Hermits, The Swinging Blue Jeans, New Amen Corner and The Fourmost.

Dress rehearsal for the Southport Spotlights production of Copacabana, Southport Little Theatre, June 2018. Picture by Alan Martin

Auditions being held for Funny Girl

MULTI-AWARD-WINNING Southport Spotlights Musical Theatre Society, are following on from their recent fabulous production Copacabana with the smash hit Broadway musical that made Barbra Streisand a star - Funny Girl.

This will be performed from February 6 to 9, 2019 at Southport's Little Theatre.

The musical is set in early 20th century New York City and is based on the life of stage actress and vaudeville comedienne Fanny Brice.

In The Ziegfeld Follies, in Hollywood films and on the radio, she was one of the most celebrated entertainers of her time.

The show is packed with musical numbers including the huge Streisand hits Don't Rain On My Parade and People.

Spotlights cast each of their performances afresh. They do not restrict auditions to existing members. They are always on the lookout for new talent. Experience is not necessary. Every performer has to start somewhere. So if you can sing and/or dance, consider joining them. If you are interested, Spotlights are holding a 'talk-up' introduction meeting at 7.30pm on Monday, September 3 at Greenbank Theatre, Greenbank School, Hastings Road, Southport PR9 2LT.

At that first meeting, the production team will outline the show and tell people about the characters and musical numbers and what they are looking for.

Auditions will be held on Monday, September 10 at 7.30 pm.

The society are not only keen to have cast members join, they also welcome front of house and backstage crew to help with scene shifting, props etc.

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Group has new Sherlock Holmes adaptation

Blackeyed Theatre bringing The Sign of Four to Southport

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The production tours the UK from September to April 2019 but heads to The Atkinson on Friday 19 –Saturday, October 20.

Adapted and directed by Nick Lane, with music composed by Tristan Parkes, this world premiere embarks on a six-month UK tour this September.

When Mary Morstan arrives at Baker Street to request help following the mysterious disappearance of her father, Sherlock Holmes and his companion Dr Watson are plunged into a murky world of deception and a complex plot involving murder, corruption and stolen jewels.

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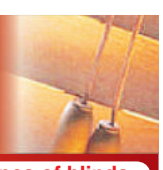
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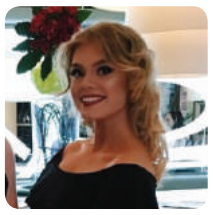

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DEATHS

TAYLOR HILDA

1st August 2018
Aged 93 years

Died peacefully at home in Southport surrounded by her loving family.
Loving Wife of Charles Herbert (Bert), much loved Mum of Carol, cherished Yan of Tom, Mother-in-law to Ian. Hilda will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 16th August at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

SCOTT PAULINE

(Nee Rowlands)

5th August 2018
Suddenly at home
aged 73 years

Much loved Wife, Mum, Nanna, Sister and a dear friend to many, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at St. Helens Crematorium on Thursday 16th August at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Clatterbridge Hospital. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

GREAVES DORIS

5th August 2018
In hospital, aged 88 years

Reunited with her much loved Husband Jim. Loving Mum of John and Elizabeth. Dear Grandma of James and Andrew. Doris will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service of Celebration at Moor Lane Methodist Church, Crosby on Monday 20th August 2018 at 2.45pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to The British Heart Foundation c/o H.Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 9244805

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On 8th August 2018
In Queenscourt Hospice
Aged 77 Years

Beloved partner of Beryl, loving Dad of Guy, Linzi and Dean, dear Father in law of Greg and Tracy, and much loved Granddad/Papa of Adam, Daniel and Harriet.
Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 16th August at 2:40pm.
Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

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DEATHS

JONES SHEILA

25th July 2018
Peacefully aged 95 years

Reunited with her beloved Husband Thomas. Beloved Mother of David. Loving Grandmother of Andrew, Nicola and Chris and Great-Grandmother of Molly, George, Betty, Olivia, Charlotte, Edward and Sebastian. Will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and neighbours.
Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 21st August at 12 noon.
Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Timber Trades Benevolent Society or SSAFA c/o Coyne Bros, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE. Tel: 01704 873 899

MOSS JOAN

12th August 2018
Peacefully surrounded by her loving family
aged 68 years

Dearly loved Wife of Allan, devoted Mum of Graham and Vicky, Stephen and Ben. Cherished Grandma of Keira, Samuel, Harry and Joshua. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at St. Pauls Church on Monday 20th August at 11am, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium.
Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

TERENCE (TERRY) MCDONALD

Aged 71 Years
Passed away peacefully at his home in Eccleston
On the 6th of August 2018, With his loving family by his side

The dearly loved and treasured Husband of Elaine, A very dear Father of Darren, Loving step Father to Michael and Lisa. Dear Father-In-Law of Dionne, and loving Grandad to Ben, Lewis and Ruben.
A true friend to so many. The funeral service will be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Eccleston PR7 5QL on Tuesday the 21st of August at 1-30pm. Followed by the committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, Donations in lieu of flowers will be gratefully received on behalf of the British Heart Foundation. c/o The Funeral Directors N&K Harvey. 180 The Green, Eccleston. PR7 5SU. Tel 01257 451 508

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BRADLEY JEANIE (JENNY)

9th August 2018
Peacefully in hospital
aged 87 years
of Ormskirk

The dearly loved Wife if the late Frank, loving Mum of Margaret and Ruth, devoted Nan to Rachel, Grandma to Matthew and Thomas and Great Grandma to Eve and Pippa.
Funeral service at Ormskirk Parish Church on Tuesday 21st August 2018 at 10:30am followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough at 11:30am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

DOBSON THELMA

31st July 2018
Passed away at home, aged 91

Loving Wife of Stewart (deceased), special Mum of Linda and Alan (deceased) and Son-in-law Ron.
Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd August 2018 at 10.00am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to A.C.S.I.L. (Amputee and Carers Support in Liverpool) c/o H.Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

NOTHARD JONATHAN

Passed away aged 41 years of Southport

Much Loved Son of Jackie and Geoff, Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK. Donations and for funeral arrangements please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Rd North, Burscough Tel: 01704 891555

NOBLE KEITH

5th August 2018
Suddenly at home
aged 72 years

Much loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad and a friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd August at 1.45pm. Family flowers only by request, donations if desired for The Dog Trust. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

SUMMERS JOSEPH WILLIAM (JOE)

On 3rd August 2018
Peacefully in Hospital, with his family by his side.
Aged 86 years
R.I.P.

Dearly loved and devoted Husband of Rose, and will be sadly missed by Yvonne & family, Alice & family, and all his neighbours and friends.
Funeral Mass will take place at St. John Stones on Monday 20th August at 12:00noon, followed by the interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery.
Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for St. Josephs Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

DEATHS

SNAPE PAULINE ELIZABETH

4th August 2018
Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family
aged 79 years,
of Rufford

Dearly loved Wife of Ron, Much loved Mum of Anne, Susan & Colin, and Devoted Nana of Matthew, Eleanor, Jessica, Thomas & The late Gregory.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 20th August at 1.45pm.
Family flowers only by request but donations are being gratefully received for Parkinson's UK. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, L40 5TP. Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

HARGREAVES JACQUELINE ROSE

At home on 2nd August 2018 aged 32 Years

Much loved Mum of Joseph. Cherished Daughter of Elizabeth and Steven. Adored Sister of Andrea and Gary. A much loved Auntie of Brad, Aiden, Lana, Dylan, Olivia and Mason.
Jacqueline will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and all who knew her.
The Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 16th August 2018 at 10.45 am.
Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the Joseph Marshall Trust Fund.
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DEREK

Helen and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts, prayers and messages of sympathy and to those who attended the funeral following the sad loss of Derek. Thank you for the generous donations received for the Salvation Army. Grateful thanks to Reverend Rebecca Clarke for her kind words and comforting funeral service. Sincere thanks to Derek Crawford and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ASHTON
JOHN
(JACK)

Jack's family would like to express their sincere thanks to friends, neighbours and all those who sent sympathy cards. Also Dr Kriss, Gemma and her team of District Nurses and Care Concern, especially Callie. Thank you for donations to Queenscourt Hospice, to Hunters of Ormskirk and Fred Louttit (Celebrant) for a wonderful service at West Lancs Crematorium and to all who attended the service.

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MARGARET

Thanks to all Margaret's many friends in Maghull for their support and to the staff at Silver Birch Lodge for looking after Margaret so well.
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IN MEMORIAM

COOKE
SYLVIA
NEE KERFOOT
12th August 2016

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McCABE
LIAM
18th August 1996

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from Mum, Roisin, Brendan and Carla

xxxx

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ELENA
(LEE)
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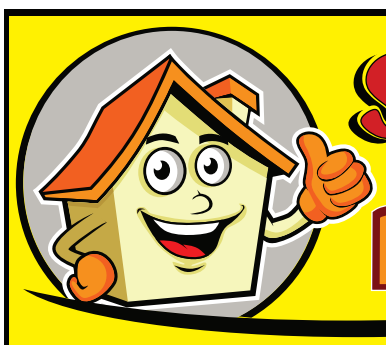

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, WESTHEAD, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (PART-REVOCATIONS, PROHIBITION OF WAITING, RESTRICTED WAITING AND LIMITED WAITING) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to: 1. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Ruff Lane, Whiteleys Lane, Vicarage Lane, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2010", insofar as it relates to: a. Item a) of Schedule 2; b. Item b) of Schedule 2; 2. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk and Vicarage Lane, Westhead, West Lancashire Borough) (Part Revocation, Prohibition of Waiting and Limited Waiting) Order 2012", insofar as it relates to a. Item b. of Article 3; b. The whole of Article 4; 3. Introduce a prohibition of waiting, at any time on any day, in the following lengths of road: a. St James Close, Westhead, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Lane for a distance of 12 metres in a southerly direction; b. Varlian Close, Westhead, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane for a distance of 12 metres in a north-westerly direction; c. Vicarage Close, Westhead, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Lane for a distance of 12 metres in a southerly direction; d. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the north side, from a point 25 metres south-east of its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane to a point 121 metres north-east of its junction with the centre line of Ruff Lane; e. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the north-west side, from its junction with the centre line of Ruff Lane for a distance of 15 metres in a north-easterly direction; f. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the south side, from a point 15 metres west of its junction with the centre line of St James Close for a distance of 30 metres in an easterly direction; g. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the south side, from a point 15 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Close for a distance of 30 metres in an easterly direction; h. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the south-west side, from a point 25 metres south-east of its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane to a point 12 metres north-west of its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane; i. Wellfield Lane, Westhead, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Whiteley Lane for a distance of 15 metres in a north-easterly direction; j. Wellfield Lane, Westhead, the south-east side, from a point 15 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Varlian Close for a distance of 60 metres in a southerly direction; k. Wellfield Lane, Westhead, the south-east side, from its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Lane for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction; l. Wellfield Lane, Westhead, the north-west side, from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Varlian Close to its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Lane in a northerly direction; m. Whiteleys Lane, Westhead, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane for a distance of 20 metres in a south-easterly direction; n. Whiteleys Lane, Westhead, the north-east side, from its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane to a point 15 metres north-west of its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane;
4. Introduce a restriction of waiting, Monday to Friday between 11am and 2pm, in the following lengths of road: a. Bewcastle Drive, Westhead, both sides, for its entire length including the turning head; b. Ruff Lane, Westhead, the north-east side, from a point 274 metres south east of the centre line of Beech Meadow to the centre line of Scarth Hill Lane; c. St James Close, Westhead, both sides, from a point 12 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Lane for its entire length including the turning head; d. Varlian Close, Westhead, both sides, from a point 12 metres north-west of its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane for its entire length including its turning head; e. Vicarage Close, Westhead, both sides, from a point 12 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Lane for its entire length including the turning head; f. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the south side, from a point 12 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane to a point 15 metres east of its junction with the centre line of St James Close; g. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the south side, from a point 15 metres west of its junction with the centre line of St James Close to a point 15 metres east of its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Close; h. Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the south-west side, from a point 15 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Close to a point 162 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Ruff Lane; i. Wellfield Lane, Westhead, the east side, from a point 15 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Whiteleys Lane to a point 45 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Varlian Close; j. Wellfield Lane, Westhead, the north-west side, from a point 15 metres north-east of its junction with the centre line of Whiteleys Lane to a point 15 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Varlian Close; k. Wellfield Lane, Westhead, the south-east side, from a point 15 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Varlian Close to a point 15 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Vicarage Lane; l. Whiteleys Lane, Ormskirk, the north-east side, from its junction with the centre line of Scarth Hill Lane to a point 15 metres north-west of its junction with the centre line of Wellfield Lane; 5. Introduce limited waiting, 2 hours no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm, in Vicarage Lane, Westhead, the north-west side, from a point 15 metres north-east of its junction with the centre line of Ruff Lane for a distance of 121 metres in a north-easterly direction. A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2DF, and at the offices of the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Council's website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.8029\ML2** before the 12 September 2018.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
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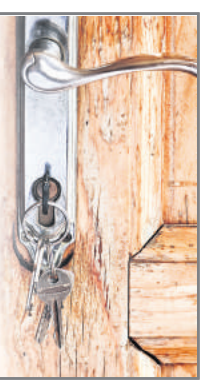

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018
WHEREAS The Lancashire County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the County Council") being the Traffic Authority for the various roads in West Lancashire, as set out below, are satisfied that traffic on the said roads should be prohibited by reason of enabling the West Lancashire Spring Triathlon event to be held.
NOW THEREFORE the County Council in exercise of its powers under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:
1. No person shall cause any vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the Triathlon) to proceed over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below;
i. School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane,
ii. Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane,
iii. Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom),
iv. Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane,
v. Ruff Lane in a South Easterly direction from its junction with Beech Meadow to its junction with Vicarage Lane
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours until 1230 hours on Sunday 26th August 2018 or sooner if the event finishes earlier.
3. Nothing in Article 1 of this Order shall make it unlawful to proceed over the said roads if the vehicle is being used for or in connection with the conveyance of persons, goods or merchandise to or from any premises situated on or adjacent to the said roads.
This Order may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council ((WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic) Order 2018"**
Dated this xx day of xx
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(COUNTY ROAD, HIGH LANE AND HOLBORN HILL, ORMSKIRK, LIVERPOOL ROAD AND NORTHWAY, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (REVOCATIONS, 40MPH SPEED LIMIT AND DERESTRICTION) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Speed Limit Order under Sections 82(2), 83(2) and 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:
1. Revoke the 'Statutory Instruments 1961 No. 896 Road Traffic, The Trunk Road (Ormskirk and Aughton) (40 M.P.H. Speed Limit) Order, 1961' in full.
2. Revoke the 'Statutory Instruments 1994 No. 1401 Road Traffic, The 1570 Trunk Road (Southport Road, Ormskirk) (40 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 1994' in full.
3. Revoke the 'Lancashire County Council (Various Roads Including A570 and A577, Burscough, Blaguegate, Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Westhead, West Lancashire) (Revocation, Restricted Road, De-Restriction, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limits) Order 2015', insofar as it relates to item d) of Schedule 1.
4. Revoke the 'Lancashire County Council (Bescar Brow Lane, Hall Road, Dam Wood Lane and Southport Road, Scarisbrick And Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Part Revocation, 30, 40 and 50 MPH Speed Limit Order 2012', insofar as it relates to item c) of Schedule 2.
5. Introduce a 40mph speed limit in the following lengths of road:
a. County Road, Ormskirk, from its junction with Holborn Hill including the roundabout to a point 200 metres south-west of its junction with the centre line of Halsall Lane;
b. Holborn Hill, Ormskirk, from its junction with Liverpool Road to its junction with County Road;
c. Liverpool Road, Aughton, from its junction with Northway to its junction with Holborn Hill;
d. Northway, Aughton, from its junction with Liverpool Road to a point 47 metres south-west its junction with the centre line of Turnpike Road;
6. High Lane, Ormskirk, from a point 473 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Burscough Road to a point 95 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Liverpool Road South roundabout, shall cease to be a restricted road for the purposes of section 81 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF and at the offices of the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Council's website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx.
Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.8326\ML2** before the 12 September 2018.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
15 August 2018

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
(TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.
Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road – B5197 St Annes Road – A59 Holburn Hill – A59 County Road and vice versa.
ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) – A570 St Helens Road – A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.
Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.
The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.
The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 26th August 2018, or sooner if the event finishes earlier
AND FURTHER, the existing one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the event.
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/12232/LSW]

Schedule of Temporary Road Closures

Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2018

Road	Section of Road Affected
A570 Derby Street West	From its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with B5319 Burscough Street
A570 Derby Street	From its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street
A570 Stanley Street	From its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road
A577 Moor Street	From its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road
A577 St Helens Road	From its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road
A570 Park Road	From its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street
A577 Moor Street	From its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with Railway Road (0900-1700)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2018/0038
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Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 5 September 2018.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**
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Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page
Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 15 August 2018

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
2018/0729/FUL Change of use, extension and refurbishment of the Windmill Inn into student accommodation. Erection of a new build two storey apartment block on part of the existing bowling green at The Windmill, 24 Wigan Road, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0730/LBC Listed Building Consent - Change of use, extension and refurbishment of the Windmill Inn into student accommodation. Erection of a new build two storey apartment block on part of the existing bowling green at The Windmill, 24 Wigan Road, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0785/FUL Conversion of the existing bottle and brew house associated with the Buck I'th Vine public house to residential accommodation at Buck I'th Vine, 35 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.
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2018/0786/LBC Listed Building Consent - Conversion of the existing bottle and brew house associated with the Buck I'th Vine public house to residential accommodation at Buck I'th Vine, 35 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0790/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - Residential development of 129 dwellings including affordable housing. Details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Land To The North Of, Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale.
2018/0796/FUL Residential development of 36 dwellings including affordable housing, access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale at Land To The North Of, Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale.
2018/0802/FUL Access improvements for disabled persons (and others) including other minor alterations to the main entrance of the church broadly comprising the provision of ramp access and steps as part of the internal reordering of the church to meet the requirements at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Derby Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
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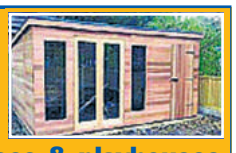

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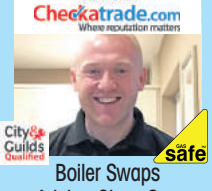
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REGULAR readers will know that earlier this year I bought a house for the first time – but I'm beginning to wish I'd gone to Volkswagen rather than my local estate agent.

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They've turned to the biggest van they make as the basis for their latest campervan – and the result genuinely sounds like something that should be next to *The Champion*'s property ads rather than popping up here, in a column about cars.

Having driven the latest Crafter a couple of times I can confirm that it might as well be a Passat-on-stilts once you're behind the wheel, but you'd be better off arranging a viewing of the Grand California, which goes on sale here next January, than taking it for a test drive.

It has – deep breath - a double bed, bunk beds for the little ones, two skylights, a front door with an electrically-operated step to help you get in and a mosquito net to keep unwanted visitors out, Bluetooth speakers you can control with a smartphone, a separate bathroom with motion-activated lights, a solar panel on the roof, a satellite dish and a WiFi router. And a cuddly toy. Probably.

But the reason why it catches my eye - even in a week when a Welshman got into serious trouble for breaking 33 speed limits in a rented Lamborghini while on holiday – is because it surely is a much better bet for travel lovers than its smaller California sibling.

Forget the fact that the older offering's a bit of a campsite fashion statement and the direct descendant of the hippy-endorsed VW campers of the Sixties, because the brutal truth is that it's still bit cosy if there are more than two of you staying in it.

Basing the Grand California on the rather larger Crafter – so essentially, it's a Mercedes Sprinter van given the full Kirsty 'n' Phil treatment – sounds like a much more sensible idea, because you'll be able to chill out in your air-conditioned rear quarters and catch up with Netflix while folk in smaller VW campers are still banging their heads on the roof.

The only thing Volkswagen hasn't announced on the Grand California is the price – but you can expect it to be rather more than the £46,625 its smaller brother starts at.

Maybe I can apply for a mortgage to cover it…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly.

Honda's five-door off-roader to go on sale next month

PRICES for Honda's new CR-V will start at £25,995 when the five-door off-roader goes on sale here at the beginning of September.

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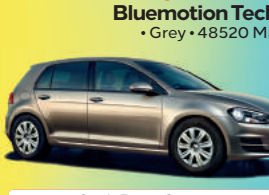

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Rain halts Burscough match when nicely poised

IN the First Division, Burscough's home match against Newton le Willows was halted by the rain.

The visitors were asked to bat and thanks to an unbeaten 91* from Rameez Alam were able to declare their innings on 211-6, with Chris Andrews taking 5-61.

In reply, Burscough were 107-6 when rain finally washed out play with Patrick Connolly 21* and Mark Crowley 17* at the crease.

Leaders Southport & Birkdale lost out to the rain at Birkenhead Park.

The hosts chose to bat and put 184 up on the board, thanks to vital contributions from Ahmad Abdullah 66, Jordan Relph 33 and Chris Parker 32, whilst Chris Cunningham 5-68 and Gary Keedy 4-39 shone with the ball.

In reply, Adam Phillips continued his recent run of form with 79 before rain stopped play with S&B on 155-5 needing just 30 runs for victory with five wickets in hand.

Ainsdale made light work of beating Fleetwood Hesketh at the Ainsdale Club.

Hesketh were asked to bat and duly dismissed for 129 by Martyn Farrell who took 6 and Sam White who took 3 of the 10 wickets to fall, whilst Tommy Wareing 25 top scored with the bat.

In reply, Brandon Faber cracked an unbeaten 50* and Mark Lucas hit 38 as the hosts romped to victory on 130-3.

Skipper guides Ormskirk to victory at Rainford

ORMSKIRK remain second in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division after a three wicket win at Rainford on Saturday.

They bowled out the hosts for 184, with former Ormskirk skipper David Snellgrove top scoring with 56, whilst the pick of the bowlers was undoubtedly Tom Hartley with 5-49.

In Ormksirk's reply, skipper Nicky Caunce 38* and Luke Platt 28* guided the visitors to victory on 188-7, with John Dotters taking 4-84.

Leaders Northern didn't worry about the weather as they made light work of beating Wallasey at Moor Park.

The visitors were asked to bat and were dismissed for just 72, thanks in no small part to Tom Sephton who went past 70 wickets for the season with 5-34.

Hayden McCrae then anchored Northern's reply with an unbeaten 38 as the hosts coasted to victory on 74-3 in the 12th over.

An under strength Formby were beaten by eight wickets at Colwyn Bay.

Formby chose to bat with Sam Oldham 28 top scoring in a below par total of 94, as the rest struggled to cope against Paul Jenkins 4-14 and Ryan Holtby 4-32.

Patrick Leach 32 and George Johansen 29* then guided Colwyn Bay to victory on 95-2 in the 17th over.

Bootle were hampered by the rain at home against Lytham.

The visitors were put in to bat and dismissed for 178 with Tom Jefferson 47 and Matt Taaffe 41 in good touch with the bat, whilst Bharat Tripathi was the pick of the bowlers with 4-32.

In reply, Will Hale 41* and Michael Farrell 33 helped put Bootle in a strong position on 85-1 before rain washed out any further play.

Gibbons and Lawrenson share eight wickets but just fail to force victory for Maghull

IN the Second Division, Maghull almost snatched victory at promotion chasing Caldy.

Maghull chose to bat and declared on 223-9 with Jon Ring taking his season's run tally to over 750 with 85, whilst Piushan Gamekankanamge took 5-47 with the ball.

In reply, Chris Edwards 43 and Haroon Khan 27 took the hosts to 81-2 before Liam Gibbons 4-17 and Cam Lawrenson 4-38 spun the game on its head.

But the hosts managed to hang on at 114-9.

Hightown St Mary's match at Spring View ended in a draw, the visitors were bowled out for 191 (Dar 83, Broad 4-13 & Matthews 3-44) and in reply the hosts were 144-4 (Tolen 33*& Gadzina 4-61).

THIS weekend's local LDCC fixtures **(please note all matches now start at noon)**: Colwyn Bay v Bootle, Formby v Highfield, Ormskirk v Leigh, Rainhill v Northern, Fleetwood Hesketh v Orrell Red Triangle, Newton le Willows v Ainsdale, Southport & Birkdale v Burscough, Hightown St Mary's v Caldy, Maghull v St Helens Town and Northop Hall v Southport Trinity.

Skem boss Powell excited for new season as his side prepare for league opener

The season starts properly for Skelmersdale United on Saturday when they entertain Leek Town at Prescot, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

The game represents a tough start for Dave Powell's team as the Staffordshire based side are one of the fancied teams to do well in Evo-Stik Division One West.

Speaking to the Champion this week, Powell said: "The off-field problems the club are having are well documented and the financial constraints the club are working under are public knowledge, so the first priority is to secure the club in the division, but when we have done that I see no reason why we cannot kick on into a mid-table position.

"We do hope to be back playing in Skelmersdale again around the end of the year or early next year, this means we are going to have to play in Prescot for a while, so we will have to make supporters want to travel to support us.

"To do this we are setting out to play attractive football and with the youngsters we have in the squad I think we are equipped to do this.

"We are really looking forward to the new season, there has been a change of personnel and we have brought in some new forwards who have developed an understanding over the pre-season.

"We intentionally set out to make it a challenging pre-season and we think that has benefitted the players in getting that competitive edge. We have a great togetherness and the players have bought into the attacking football philosophy.

Skem manager Dave Powell

"My assistants Chris Stammers, Karl Bell and Michael White have been busy. Chris is known for his coaching of attractive football, Karl has so many contacts locally and Michael keeps everyone motivated.

"We have a goalkeeper coach in Phil Watson and on the medical side Tom Foster has a good team behind him. So we are all ready to go"

Last weekend Skem put in a good show at Premier Division Hyde United although they went down 2-0 in the end.

The Leek Town game on Saturday is a 3pm kick off. Anyone who hasn't purchased a season ticket yet can do so before the game.

Skelmersdale travel to Kendal Town on Tuesday, August 21, kick off at 7.45pm.

Linnets throw away two goal lead to set up FA Cup replay

Burscough 2
1874 Northwich 2

BURSCOUGH will face a replay in the FA Cup after throwing away a two goal lead to draw with 1874 Northwich, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The Linnets, who were underdogs going into the cup clash, started strongly and in the second minute they struck.

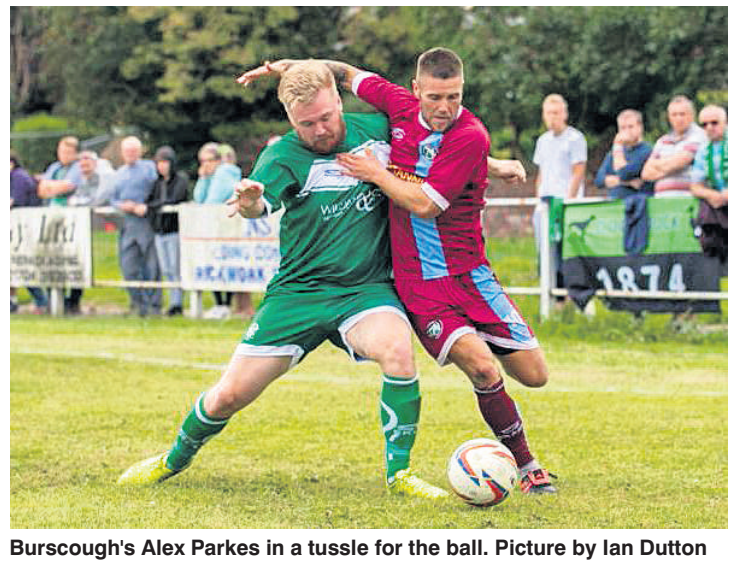
Terry Cummings won the ball on the right-hand side and crossed to centre-forward Chad Whyte who, from the edge of the penalty area, hit the ball low past debutant 1874 goalkeeper Matt Green.

Buoyed by their early success Burscough drove on. Green made a wonderful save to turn a John Brannigan shot onto the crossbar then saved well from Prince Ekpolo.

Just before the quarter-hour the Linnets pressure brought a second goal. This time Cummings created for himself not Whyte, cutting in from the right he cleverly weaved a way though the visitors defence before cheekily rounding Green to make it 2-0.

1874 are a good team and Burscough expected a response, but they struggled to make any real inroads against an organised Linnets defence, the main threat coming from corners that were dealt with well.

Crucially 1874 scored a minute or two from the interval. The goal coming from a long high punted clearance that caught the Burscough defence out as it dropped from the sky, the bounce taking the ball to Matt Woolley who from just inside the 18 yard box was able to dab the ball past advancing Burscough goalkeeper Max Povey.



Burscough's Alex Parkes in a tussle for the ball. Picture by Ian Dutton

1874 made changes at half-time but it was almost 3-1 to Burscough moments after the restart as Whyte went close to doubling his personal tally.

Gradually 1874 applied pressure to the Linnets goal.

Woolley hit the Burscough crossbar and Povey made a good save from Scott McGowan but Burscough were posing a threat too and it required an excellent save by Green to keep Matt Ward out.

When the 1874 equaliser came a quarter of an hour from the end there was an element of counter-attack about it. On a break of their own Burscough lost possession on the halfway line and the ball was played forward to Callum Gardner, he cleverly fed the ball through the Burscough defence to Scott McGowan who had the time and space to slot the ball past Povey's left-hand into the net.

The visitors pressed in the latter stages but Burscough were holding firm, their only real worry was a shot from distance that went just wide.

The very least Burscough deserved was a second shot at 1874 Northwich. They will travel to their Winsford ground on Tuesday again outsiders, but with a far from hopeless task.

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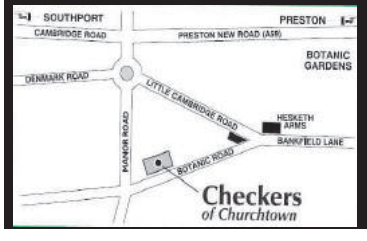

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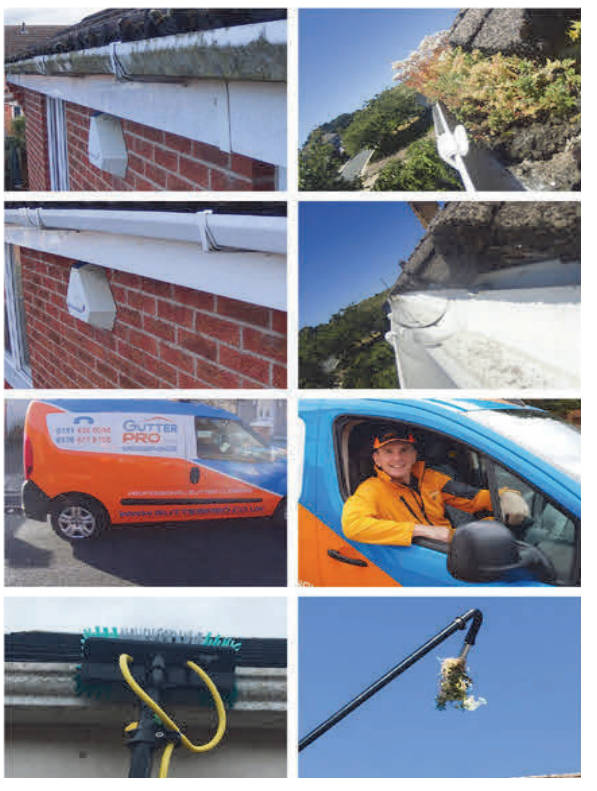

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